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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Teng Soon Wee et al.

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING ABLATION-FREE MARKING ON HARD DISK MEDIA

Docket No.: 16864-0013

Examiner: Mr. Jonathan Johnson

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 CFR 1.136(a) & 1.17(a))**

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of 1 month to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Letter mailed on 28 August 2001.

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to this Office action for one month to 28 October 2001.

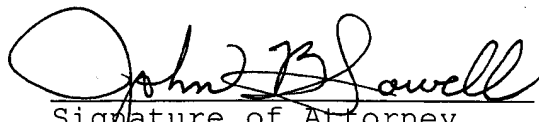
The Notice of a Non-Complaint Amendment was allegedly mailed by the PO on 8/28/01 (copy attached) and was date stamped as being received 3 October 2001 which is more than thirty days after allegedly being mailed by the USPTO.

It has been impossible for the undersigned attorney to contact the Legal Instrument Examiner who mailed out the Notice under 37 CFR 1.121 because no name or telephone number was provided on the Notice. It would appear that the mailing date was 28 September 2001 and not 08/28/01 if the U.S. Postal Service delivered the Notice within five days

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which is the usual time for mail delivery from the USPTO.
An extension of one month is required to comply with the one
month granted for the attached response.

Please charge John B. Sowell's deposit account 19-
3445 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the cost of the exten-
sion. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or
credited to this deposit account.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John B. Sowell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Signature of Attorney
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